

*Preliminary Amendment**Serial No. 09/937,076**Confirmation No. 4527*METHODS OF USE OF BI-INTEGRIN INHIBITORSRemarks

Claims 1, 7, 13, 21, 22, 25, 28, 29, 32, 35, and 38 having been amended and claims 2, 3, 11, 12, 14-16, 23, 24, 26, 27, 30, 33, 34, 36, 37, 39, and 40 having been canceled, the pending claims are 1, 4-10, 13, 17-21, 25, 28, 31, 32, 35, and 38.

The method claims 1, 7, 13, 21, 25, 28, 32, and 35 have been amended to reflect the amendments made to product claim 38. Pursuant to the "Guidance on Treatment of Product and Process Claims, in light of *In re Ochia*, *In re Brouwer* and 35 USC(b)," 1184 O.G. 86 (March 26, 1996), Applicants respectfully request the rejoinder and examination of method claims 1, 4-10, 13, 17-21, 25, 28, 31, 32, and 35 along with product claim 38.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives at the below-listed telephone number, if there are any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

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